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MARLBORO MEN KILL NEGRO.

SLAYER OF POLICEMAN ALBROOKS SHOT TO DEATH.

Henry Lewis Dies in Jail at Bennettsville After Battle and Arrest by Force.

Bennettsville, Sept. 29.—Henry Lewis, the negro who shot and killed Rural Policeman E. J. Albrooms a few days ago, died in the jail here this afternoon as the result of wounds inflicted while resisting arrest this morning. Sheriff Patterson received word last night that Lewis was in the county and immediately summoned a posse to arrest him. For a time he eluded the officers, although it was known in a general way the section of the county he was in. The bloodhounds were brought here from Columbia early this morning and additional information was received by the sheriff and the officers in pursuit of the negro's whereabouts, and he was finally traced to a swamp.

The swamp was surrounded, and three of the party, Dr. J. A. Woodley, Marlboro Hamer and Edgar David, Jr., were at the head of a branch when the negro came out. He was ordered to throw up his hands and surrender and instead of doing so he began firing, shooting a revolver three times, when a ball from one of the party shot the fingers off his right hand, causing him to drop his weapon.

After this he ran about 100 yards and got into a ditch where he was overtaken and brought to Bennettsville. It was found that two balls had passed entirely through his body. After reaching Bennettsville medical aid was summoned and Drs. May and Jordan did everything that could be done, but the wounds were fatal.

Rewards amounting to \$300 had been offered for the arrest and delivery of Lewis, and those who took part in the arrest unanimously ask that the reward be collected and paid to the party who secured him.

NOT PLANNED BOLT.

Columbia Record.

"It is all a mistake to charge that the call of W. A. James, of Bishopville, for a meeting of 'Reformers' to gather in Columbia on October 18 is for the purpose of engineering a bolt from the Democratic party or to father a new party in South Carolina," said a prominent Elsen leader from Lee county, who was visiting Columbia today. "Mr. James had no such object in view and it is doing him an injustice to charge him with ulterior motives in calling this convention for he is what one may call a 'died-in-the-wool' Democrat and one of the best men in Lee county."

The meeting of Elsen people to be held here is for the purpose of reiterating the principles on which the faction is founded, avowed this leader, and to inculcate a spirit of enthusiasm in the faction. He further stated that certain needs along legislative lines probably will be considered and plans for pressing them before the general assembly discussed.

The Lee county man also said that it is Mr. James' idea to have the convention endorse Woodrow Wilson and Richard I. Manning as nominees for president and governor, respectively, of the Democratic party.

STRIKE PETERS OUT.

New York, Sept. 30.—The proposed industrial strike received a hard jolt when one hundred and fifty thousand garment workers decided to return to work at the end of the Jewish holiday. Six thousand brewery workers, after voting to strike are now seeking reinstatement.

D. C. McLEOD TO WED.

Brother of F. A. McLeod to Marry Alabama Girl.

Invitations have been received here, issued by Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Lee Wynn, to the marriage of their daughter, Katherine Lee, to David Carlisle McLeod Thursday evening, October 5, at 6 o'clock at the Presbyterian church of Florida, Ala.

The bride elect is a graduate of Converse college in the class of 1915 and has many friends in this State who will hear of her approaching marriage with interest.

Mr. McLeod, who for several years has been in the turpentine business in Halfcell, Ala., is a South Carolinian, originally from Lynchburg. He was graduated from Wofford in the class of 1909. He is prominently connected throughout the State, one brother being ex-Lieut. Gov. T. G. McLeod. Another brother, F. A. McLeod of the Sumter bar, leaves shortly for Florida to attend the wedding.

OKLAHOMANS HANG NEGROES.

TWO PRISONERS LYNCHED IN NOWATA BY MOB.

Minister Prevails on Crowd to Disperse in First Attempt at Vengeance.

Nowata, Okla., Sept. 29.—Two negroes accused of complicity in the killing of Deputy Sheriff James Gibson, during a jail delivery here today, were taken from jail here tonight and lynched in front of the court house. A first attempt to lynch one of the negroes in a church yard immediately after their capture was frustrated by the Rev. Perry E. Pierce, who pleaded with the mob until the suspended negro was cut down, unconscious, but alive. The mob dispersed, reformed later, and made short work of both negroes.

Events culminating in the double lynching moved with dramatic swiftness. Three negro prisoners escaped from the county jail late today. Sheriff James May discovered them, was knocked down and robbed of his pistol. Gibson went to his aid and was shot to death.

In a few minutes a mob bent on vengeance was in close pursuit of the negroes. Two of them took refuge in a house in the outskirts of Nowata. They were surrounded and captured. The third negro apparently escaped. One of the captured negroes, John Foreman, alleged to have killed Gibson, was wounded when caught and was not molested, but the unwounded negro was seized by the mob, which had grown to large proportions, and a parade through the principal streets began with the negro at a rope's end, screaming for mercy. When the mob reached the Methodist church a large tree offered the opportunity which the rope around the negro's neck suggested. "Let's lynch the negro on holy ground," a man was heard to shout. The prisoner was swung clear and was being led to death when Mr. Pierce

by the negro's screams. He began his pleadings for the seemingly doomed man's life.

"Men, I beseech you in the name of God not to desecrate this holy ground," pleaded Mr. Pierce. "Do not stain the name of our city by going into this terrible affair."

With great earnestness he demanded that the law be allowed to take its course. Five minutes the pastor spoke, until one of the mob leaders, turning to his followers, said: "Men, Mr. Pierce is right. Take the negro back to jail and let the law take its course." The mob led the negro back to jail, and excitement apparently quieted down.

Tonight Foreman and the negro who had been rescued from the mob in the afternoon were taken from the jail by a larger mob. Foreman was strung up to a lamp post near the court house and the other negro was hanged from a tree a few feet distant. The sheriff was not at the jail when the mob sought entrance. The deputies left to guard the negroes were pushed aside and forced into submission.

BOLL WEEVIL MOVING EAST.

Pest Said to Be Only Forty-five Miles West of the South Carolina Border.

Clemson College, Sept. 28.—There is considerable speculation as to the advance of the boll weevil toward South Carolina. Prof. A. F. Conrad said today that the State crop pest commission has kept in close touch with the boll weevil situation and that during the past two seasons the pest had moved eastward at an unusual rate. There has been a continual eastward spread this season and according to the latest report of the State entomologist of Georgia, which has just been received, the weevil has been found 45 miles west of the South Carolina border. He thinks that in all probability the pest will reach this State by the end of this season.

COTTON CROP REPORT.

Government Issues Report on Cotton Crop Condition and Ginner's Report.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Cotton crop prospects are only 56.3 per cent. of normal. The boll weevil has been more destructive than ever before, the agricultural department announces.

The Virginia cotton condition is 85 per cent; North Carolina, 61; South Carolina, 53. The predicted yield per acre in Virginia is 264 pounds; North Carolina, 214; South Carolina, 175.

Census bureau report shows 4,662,991 bales ginned to September 25 from 1916 growth, compared to 2,905,829 last year.

We are this week mailing to all subscribers whose subscriptions are not paid in full, or should not be necessary, a semi-weekly reminder. The address label on each paper is a semi-weekly reminder. The subscription has been paid, but the reminder is a direct and personal account, as shown by the statement. We have been extremely lenient with subscribers who are in arrears and have our books since the fall of 1915. Time having been such that we had very many requests for the paper to continue sending the paper to those who do not respond, and those who do not respond will be dropped from the list.

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FARM LOAN BOARD PLANS.

WILL VISIT SOUTH IN NEAR FUTURE, STOPPING AT CAPITALS.

Senator Fletcher Will Insist That Substantial Recognition Be Given This Section of Country.

Washington, Sept. 29.—With the return of the farm loan board to Washington yesterday, Senator D. C. Fletcher of Florida at once took steps not only to have the board make an immediate trip South, but to give it a substantial recognition of the importance of this section of the country.

It is understood to be the intention of the board to make a very limited stay in the South and to stop only at the capitals of the different States visited. Senator Fletcher believes that although the present law is a splendid thing, that it may be improved upon. He has recently made a compilation from census bureau figures which shows that in the South there should be more farm loan banks than will probably be the case under present conditions. The wealth of that section and the growth which it is making convince Senator Fletcher that the South should have more recognition and more banks.

The efforts of the people of Columbia who are interested in securing one of these banks for their city should be directed toward Senator Fletcher and they should get in touch with him without delay so that when the farm loan board goes to Jacksonville it may also stop a reasonable length of time at Columbia.

Senator Fletcher is in daily touch with Secretary McAdo and the members of this board and competition is likely to become lively as the result of his efforts to get action immediately from a Southern standpoint. With Senator Fletcher's strong influence the board can not overlook the interests of the South, even should there be a disposition otherwise to do so, in favor of some of the bigger agricultural sections of the West.

BOOK CLUB MEETING.

Mayesville, Sept. 30.—The Tuesday Afternoon Book club held the last meeting of the club year with Mrs. E. W. Mayes on September 26. The form of entertainment was an automobile contest. Pictures of advertisements of automobiles were cut from the current magazines and the guests had to guess the correct make of each car. Mesdames C. D. Cooper and R. A. Chandler tied for the members' prize, a hand-painted celery dish. Mrs. M. C. Mayes won the guests' prize, also a celery dish. The consolation was a little Ford. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. P. S. Crawford and Mrs. W. W. Gardner. The club will hold a special meeting to transact the business pertaining to the annual reception on October 10 at the residence of Mrs. R. A. Chandler.

Miss Louise Knight has gone to Converse college to resume her studies. Mrs. R. A. Chandler, Sr., has returned from a visit to her mother, Mrs. W. B. Steele, in York.

Mr. H. Ford Folsom is attending college at Wofford, having entered that institution at the beginning of the session.

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MOTOR CAR UPSET HURTS FIVE.

SPECIAL TRAIN CARRIES INJURED TO COLUMBIA HOSPITAL.

Barwell Hunting Party Caught Between Auto—A. R. Moore and H. A. Simms Unconscious and May Die of Injuries.

Barwell, Sept. 29.—A most serious accident occurred a few miles from here this afternoon when the automobile of A. R. Moore, en route to W. W. Moore, adjutant general, was upset, and the driver and five passengers were seriously injured. H. A. Simms is seriously hurt, and Dr. J. G. Wooley and V. Seymour Owens suffered painful bruises. E. G. Bolen, the fifth occupant of the car, was uninjured.

The young men were on their way to shoot doves and the automobile which is said to have been running at a rapid rate of speed, struck a soft sandy spot in the road and became unmanageable. Before Mr. Moore could regain control, the machine turned over, pinning the driver and Mr. Simms under it and rendering them unconscious. Dr. Wooley was also knocked senseless. A passing car rendered first aid and the injured men were brought hurriedly to Barwell and given medical attention.

A special train left here tonight for Columbia, carrying Messrs. Moore and Simms to a hospital. The accident cast a gloom over the entire town, as the young men are very popular here.

A. K. SANDERS IN RACE.

Mr. A. K. Sanders of Hagood, one of Sumter county's representatives in the general assembly, was in the city today and while here he stated to a representative of The Sumter Daily Item that he was a candidate for the office of superintendent of the State penitentiary to succeed Col. D. J. Griffith, who had announced that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself. Mr. Sanders stated that the outlook seemed very bright for the success of his candidacy and he was much pleased with the many offers of support which were coming to him from all sections of the State.

Mr. Sanders has been in politics for many years and is well known throughout the State by the leading men. He has represented Sumter county for five years in the house of representatives and was re-elected for the sixth term in the first primary on August 29th.

He served for sixteen years as a director of the State penitentiary and was chairman of the board of directors for fourteen of those years. In this time gaining a good insight into the workings of the penitentiary system. Besides this experience his legislative work has helped to fit him for the office he is seeking. There are three other men seeking the office, Mr. Sanders stated, Mr. Lesesne, the bookkeeper at the penitentiary; Mr. Gonnell of Spartanburg and Mr. Huffman.

Will Marry Soon.

Dillon, Sept. 30.—The Rev. and Mrs. Joel L. Allen have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Virginia Faith Allen and Ransome Judson Williams, Wednesday evening, October 11, at 8:30 o'clock in the First Baptist church, Dillon.

BOLL WEEVIL HUNT BEGUN.

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION REACHES ATLANTA.

Gov. Manning and Other Prominent Men of State on Trip of Investigation—Leave for New Orleans.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 30.—Gov. Manning and other members of the boll weevil commission reached Atlanta at 6 o'clock tonight and left 20 minutes later for New Orleans. Other members of the party are: B. H. Rawl, chief of the dairy division, United States department of agriculture; Dr. W. D. Hunter, expert on field crop pests; J. A. Evans, assistant in charge of the United States farm demonstration work in the South; Senator Alan Johnstone, chairman of the board of trustees of Clemson college; Dr. W. M. Riggs, president of Clemson college; W. W. Long, director of the Clemson college farm demonstration forces; Joe Sparks, secretary of the South Carolina Press association; J. N. Harper, director of the Clemson college experiment stations; A. C. Moore of the University of South Carolina faculty; Bright Williamson of the South Carolina Bankers' association; B. F. Taylor of the South Carolina Cotton Seed Crushers' association.

Gov. Manning said tonight that he would not attempt to make the trip to El Paso for a visit to the South Carolina troops on the border.

Lesesne-McIntosh.

Manning, Sept. 30.—Pretty in its simplicity was the marriage of Miss Franke Lesesne of Silver to Dr. William Ernest McIntosh of Lynchburg. The ceremony was performed in the hall of the bride's home at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, September 27. The house was decorated with Southern smilax, ivy and candles. The taste of Mesdames J. W. Thames and F. M. Cannon, aunts of the bride, was shown in every touch of the decorations.

Just before the ceremony Dr. F. M. Griffin of Lynchburg sang "Melody of Love," accompanied on the piano by Mrs. John McIntosh, sister of the bridegroom.

At 4 o'clock, to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, the bridal party entered the rear hall, passing to the front of the beautifully constructed altar, along the top of which many candles were burning. First came the maid of honor, Miss Hattie Gibson of Sumter, with Dr. F. M. Griffin. Then the bride entered on the arm of the bridegroom. They were met under a suspended wedding veil by the Rev. W. S. Trimble, the Presbyterian pastor of Summerton, who performed the ring ceremony. After the ceremony an informal reception was held, during which Dr. and Mrs. McIntosh received the congratulations and good wishes of the relatives and friends present. Pink and white block cream with cake was served by six little girls.

The bride wore a dark blue coat suit and large black picture hat and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and fern. Her only ornament was a beautiful old brooch which had been worn by the grandmother of the bride. Another item of interest was that at dinner the health of the bride was drunk in wine which was 27 years old. It was made by her grandmother and this bottle put away to be opened on the most important day in the bride's life.

Mrs. McIntosh is a graduate of Winthrop college and for the past three years has been teaching in Lynchburg. Dr. McIntosh is a dental graduate of the University of Maryland. Dr. and Mrs. McIntosh left immediately for a short bridal trip. They will be at home in Lynchburg after October 1.

Mrs. Robert Baker of Silver entertained for Miss Lesesne on Monday afternoon, September 25, at a miscellaneous shower. Willie Spain Baker and Ruth Briggs came in, each carrying a large package. These were given the bride-to-be with a message of good wishes from the guests. When all had seen the contents of the packages, which consisted of many beautiful pieces of linen and many other pretty and useful gifts, Mrs. Baker invited the guests into the dining room where an ice course was served. On returning to the parlor paper and pencil were given the guests and each wrote a wish for the bride-elect. Miss Alma Felder read these aloud for the amusement of those present.

Mrs. Harvey E. Topp left this morning to return to her home at Salem, N. C., after a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. John S. Richardson.

LOAN AT TWELVE CENTS.

PRICE URGED FOR COTTON.

At of Farmers' Union State Agents' Association Calls on Southern Congressmen.

Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 1.—Henry N. Pope, president of the Farmers' Union State Presidents' association, has submitted to all Southern members of congress the suggestion that congress fix or empower the federal reserve board to fix a minimum loan price of 12 cents per pound on cotton for all crops. A large majority of the replies from senators and representatives favor the plan and Mr. Pope stated today that he would call a special meeting of his association in New Orleans at an early date to give it final consideration and work out the details.

Many members of congress have expressed their willingness to give the movement their cooperation. Among the numerous communications received by President Pope was one from Senator Hardwick of Georgia saying: "I can not see for a moment why this board should not be authorized to fix a minimum price on which cotton loans should be accepted. I am already giving this subject careful consideration and I hope that at an early date something effective and reasonable may be worked out along the line of your suggestion."

Representative T. W. Sims of Tennessee writes: "I am in hearty sympathy with this proposition and I shall be glad to do all I can to secure the legislation needed just as soon as congress convenes in December. You can rely upon me without any sort of hesitation to give this or kindred legislation active and earnest support."

Representative Otis Wingo of Arkansas states: "I shall be glad to do anything I can toward amending the federal reserve act along proper lines with a view of facilitating credits to cotton growers and giving them greater freedom in the marketing of his cotton."

President Pope states that there should be a careful distinction between the loan minimum and the selling minimum of cotton. "The loan minimum should be protected by the government," he said, "and cotton would of course never be sold below that point. The selling minimum is one that the union advises its members to sell and may vary from crop to crop or from time to time. With a protected loan minimum of 12 cents the selling minimum of 20 cents can be more easily maintained. The government would never be called upon to put up one cent under this plan for when a farmer knows he can borrow 12 cents per pound on cotton he will never sell unless he can get a much higher price. Neither could the consumer be penalized, for the fluctuation in the price of cotton has little effect upon the price of the finished product to the consumer. We expect to mature our plans at our meeting at New Orleans and it is likely we will seek the counsel and approval of the federal reserve board before presenting our plans to congress."

COTTON CROP CONDITION.

Harvin, Oct. 2.—As a result of my compilation of reports of the condition of cotton in every cotton growing State of the Union up to mid-day of this date, the condition for the month of September is 59.1 which includes the States of Arizona, Kentucky and New Mexico. Counting only the 14 regular cotton growing States usually included in compilation of reports, the condition is 56.4 and is by States as follows:

Alabama	38.2
Arkansas	66.5
California	87.6
Florida	52.6
Georgia	52.4
Louisiana	50.
Mississippi	44.3
Missouri	56.6
North Carolina	59.5
Oklahoma	50.8
South Carolina	42.7
Tennessee	62.6
Texas	61.6
Virginia	64.4

When Arizona, Kentucky and New Mexico are included the condition is 59.1. This indicates a crop of 9,515,100 bales exclusive of linters. These reports show 44 per cent. harvested.

Ben H. Harvin.

Three Sumter boys played in the Virginia-Davidson football game on Saturday: Ralph Flowers and Alvin Brunson for Davidson and Robert McKay for Virginia. Rowland Boyle is one of Wofford's players this year.